

COUNTY
OF **Placer**[®]
Update on
Homelessness
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Objectives

- Review major efforts over the last decade
- Provide an update on the regional planning and response process and achievements to date
- Provide preliminary data from the recent Point-in-Time



Headlines

- Placer has the lowest rate of homelessness in N. California and is positioned to drive rates down further given recent additions to housing and shelter services
- Placer has undergone two major assessments of homelessness over the last 8 years, producing greater collaboration and distributed service enhancements
- Challenges remain: shelter capacity, siting, funding, and admission criteria; shared governance, and



Background

Marbut Study recommendations

**Homeless Needs Assessment and Action Plan
for
Placer County**

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**Presentation of Findings  
and  
Strategic Action Plan Recommendations**

**to  
the Placer County Community**

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Actions Taken

- Better use of data within our system
- Focus on chronically homeless (Whole Person Care)
- First stable site emergency shelter in North Auburn
- Expansion of permanent supportive housing and other housing options



Actions Taken

- Expansion of mental health and addiction services
- Focus on prevention:
 - emergency rental assistance
 - rapid rehousing
 - efforts to build more affordable housing



Challenges

- No permanent stable site shelter in S. Placer
 - highest population center and continued growth
 - home to a majority of Placer's unsheltered residents
- Emergency housing admission criteria exclude some, leaving them with few options but to remain outdoors



Challenges

- Concerns about the long-term viability of the South Placer nomadic shelter model
- Evolving legal landscape, including *Martin v. Boise*
- Continued visibility and impacts of homelessness despite favorable rates relative to many other communities

Homelessness by Region

Region	Total %	Total #	Sheltered #	Unsheltered #
South Placer	63%	469	167	302
Mid Placer	36%	270	172	98
Eastern Placer	1%	11	3	8
Countywide	100%	750	342	408

Source: 2022 Point-in-Time Count, Homeless Resource Council of the Sierras

Homeless Responses





Phase One Overview

- First comprehensive assessment process since Marbut Study and first to be cross- jurisdictional
- Partnership approach is receiving favorable attention from other jurisdictions and federal elected officials
- Building trust and common understanding across the region on one of the most vexing and



Phase One Overview

- Coalesced around a shared outcome
 - Maintain lowest rate in N. California
 - Strive to drive rates lower
- Agreed on a homeless solutions framework
- Developed 13 “emerging strategies”
- Phase 1 work presented to local officials and BOS last year; feedback informed Phase 2

Phase Two Structure

	Planning Team	Technical Working Groups
Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participate in ongoing data review of projects and programs Share best practices and discuss policy issues Coordinate among local jurisdictions on potential implementation of projects 	<p>Develop recommendations for Planning Team consideration in the these areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Emergency Housing & Services Interim & Permanent Supportive Housing Law Enforcement & Social Services Partners Communications
Composition	Elected officials, key gov't staff, law enforcement and service partners	Subject matter experts from in and outside of the Planning Team
# of Times Met	9+	16



Phase Two Outcomes: Shared Principles

- Informed by input from regional outreach teams, housing and supportive services should be decentralized and distributed throughout the region, not centralized in one location
 - Leverage existing behavioral health supports



Phase Two Outcomes: Shared Principles

- Balancing local decision-making authority with multi-jurisdictional input, the Continuum of Care, and funders
- Regional solutions should balance compassion with accountability



Phase Two Outcomes

- Developed and tested real-world application of Housing Siting Criteria
- Competitive applications resulted in 82 units of permanent supportive housing and onsite behavioral health services
- Encouraged cross-jurisdictional participation in procurement processes



Phase Two Outcomes

- Surveyed local law enforcement agencies to increase understanding of existing conditions and services
- Recommended ways to strengthen homeless outreach worker teams
- Estimated need for shelter and permanent supportive housing beds
- Developed a South Placer Navigation Center concept for future consideration



Phase Two Consideration

- South Placer shelter needs
- Admission criteria for all shelters
- Homeless outreach model, goals, funding
- Communications and public engagement
- Governance models
- Broader regional stakeholder participation

Questions





County-led Additions

- Added 82 housing units
- Opened Lotus Behavioral Health Crisis Center with 6 urgent care beds
- Expanded Mobile Crisis Teams, will be going 24/7 by end of year
- Deployed Probation Outreach Vehicle to provide mobile homeless court and other field-



County-led Additions: Mobile Temporary Shelter

- Consistent utilization (avg. mid- to high-40s)
- Orderly and well-maintained shelter
- Facilitate service engagement
- Favorable reports from campers, PCGC visitors and staff, and neighbors



Planned Additions

- New Board & Care facility this summer
- Additional Behavioral Health Crisis Center site opening in Roseville
- County's Homekey 3 application to expand permanent supportive housing
- Mental health and vocational facility at South Placer Justice Center



Planned Additions

- Applied to create 34 Substance Use Residential Treatment beds
- Allocated \$4.3 million of Behavioral Health Bridge Housing funding

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Housing Authority

- Local housing authorities focus on very low income needs and specific populations like veterans, disabled, mentally ill, families, foster youth, etc.
- CSAC Award for the partnership between Roseville and Placer Housing Authority
- Interest in reviewing possible Placer County Housing Authority updates

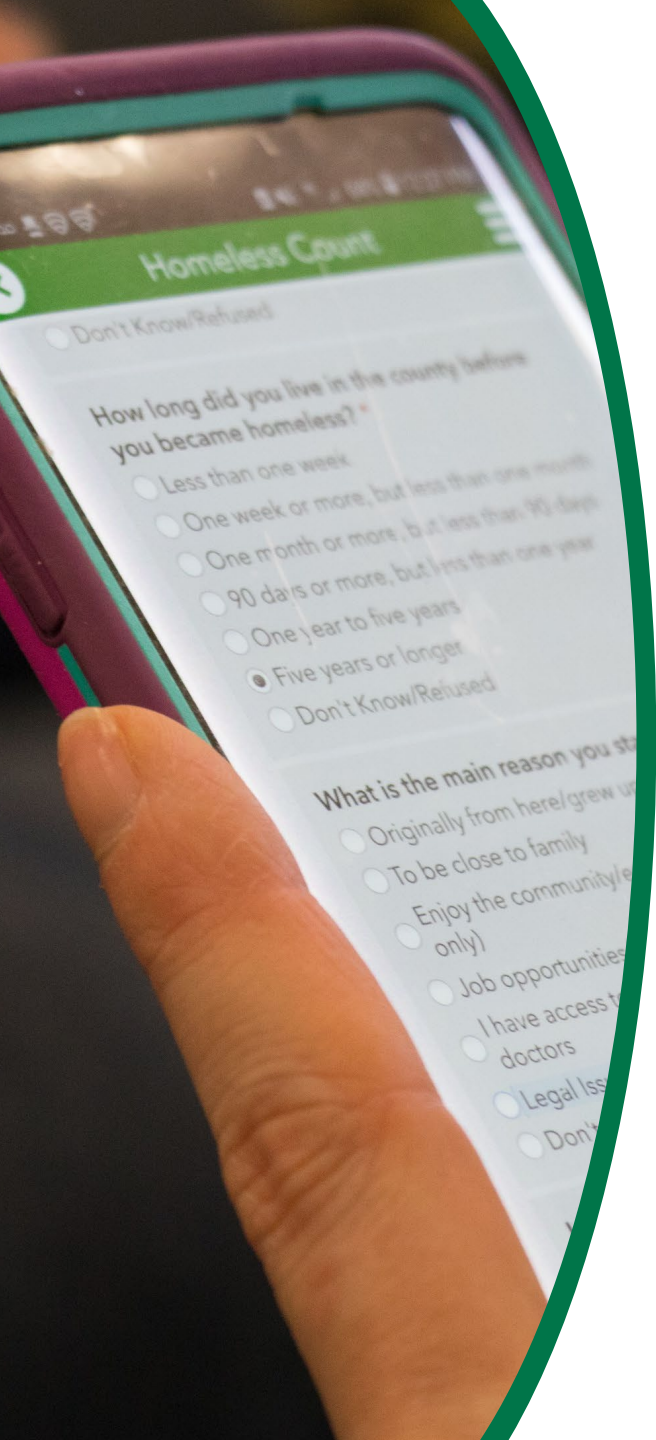
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Housing Policy & Advocacy

- Affordable housing policies and development
 - First county in the region to receive a “Pro-Housing” designation
- Commitment to expanding affordable housing resources and partnerships
- Local philanthropic leadership and advocacy

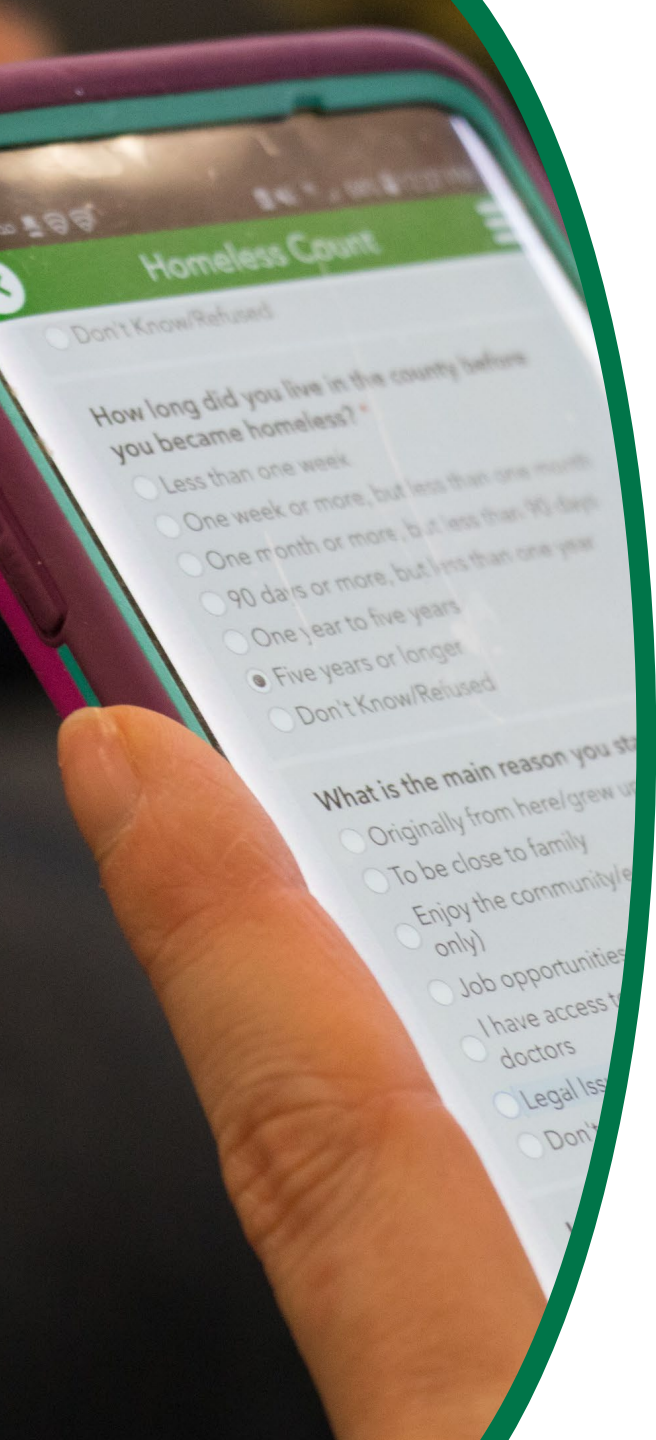
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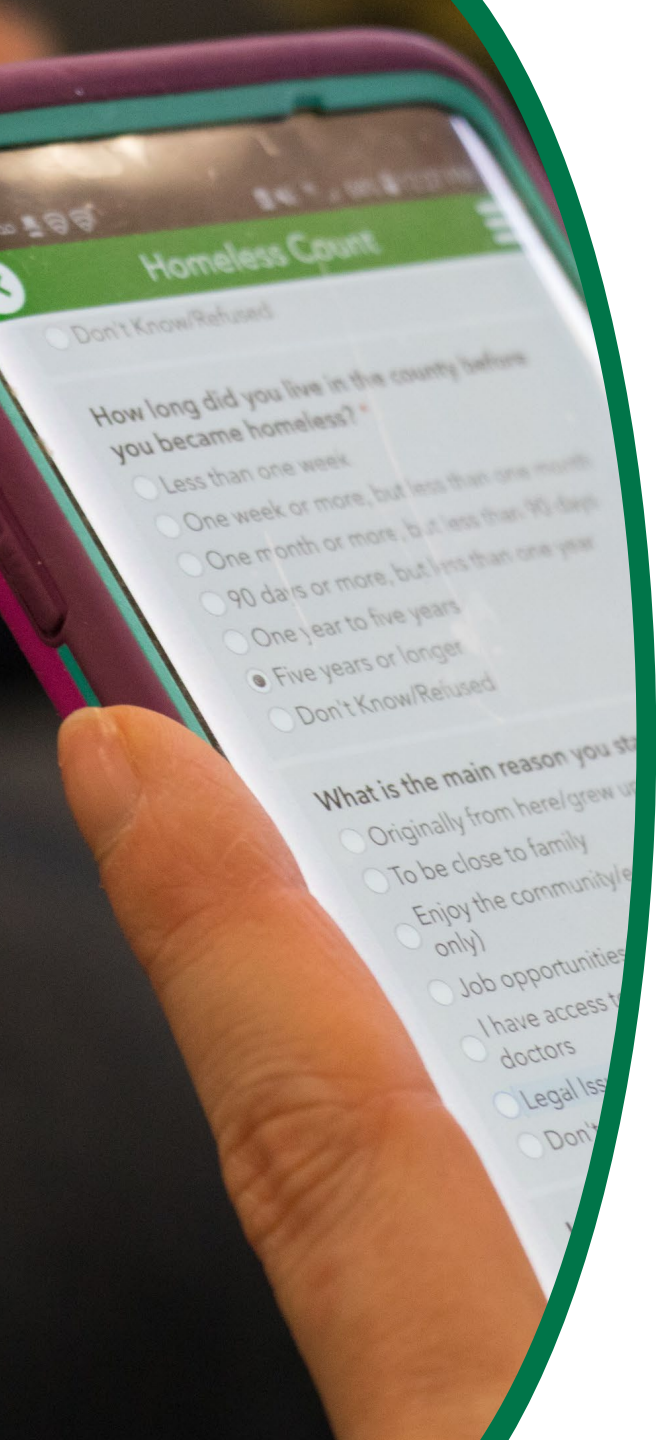
Continuum of Care: Overview

- Homeless Resource Council of the Sierras is the administrative entity for Placer County and Nevada County continuums of care
- Some external funding—like from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development—flows through the CoC



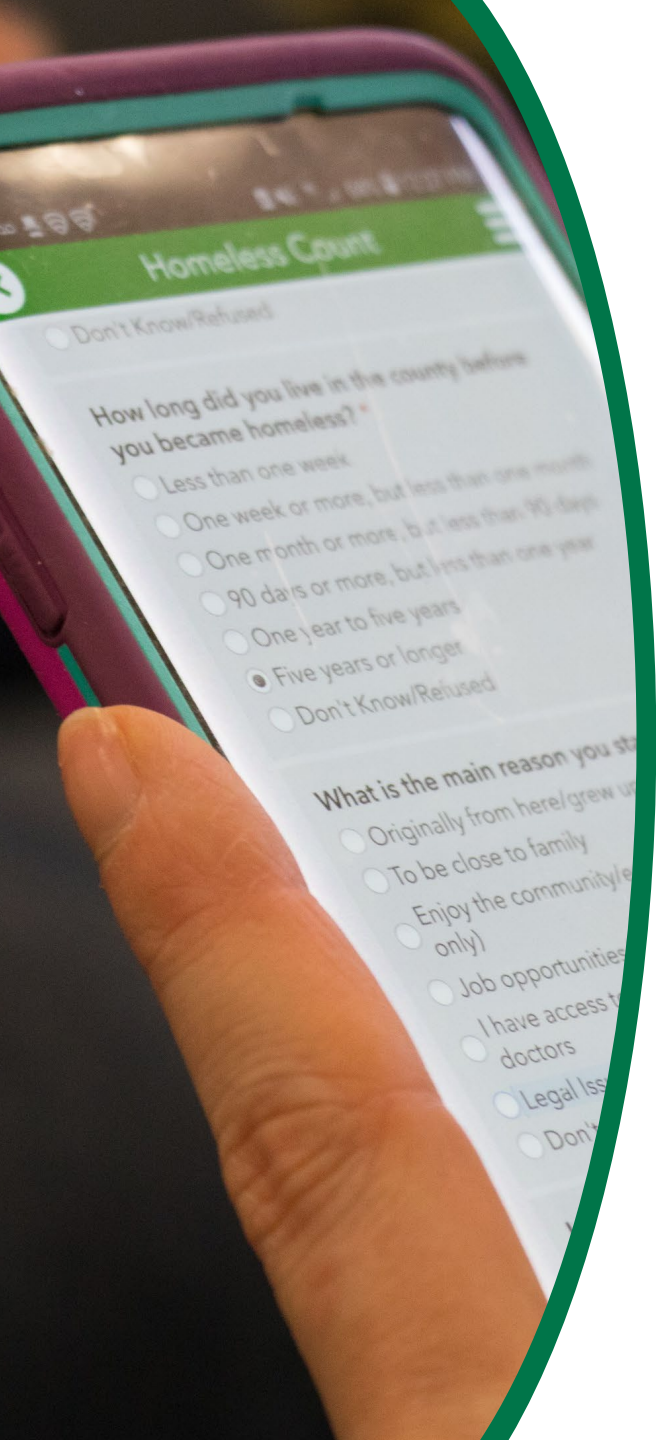
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- Local government, private funders, service providers, and the public are welcome to attend and participate in CoC committees
- Administers Point-in-Time count



PITC Overview

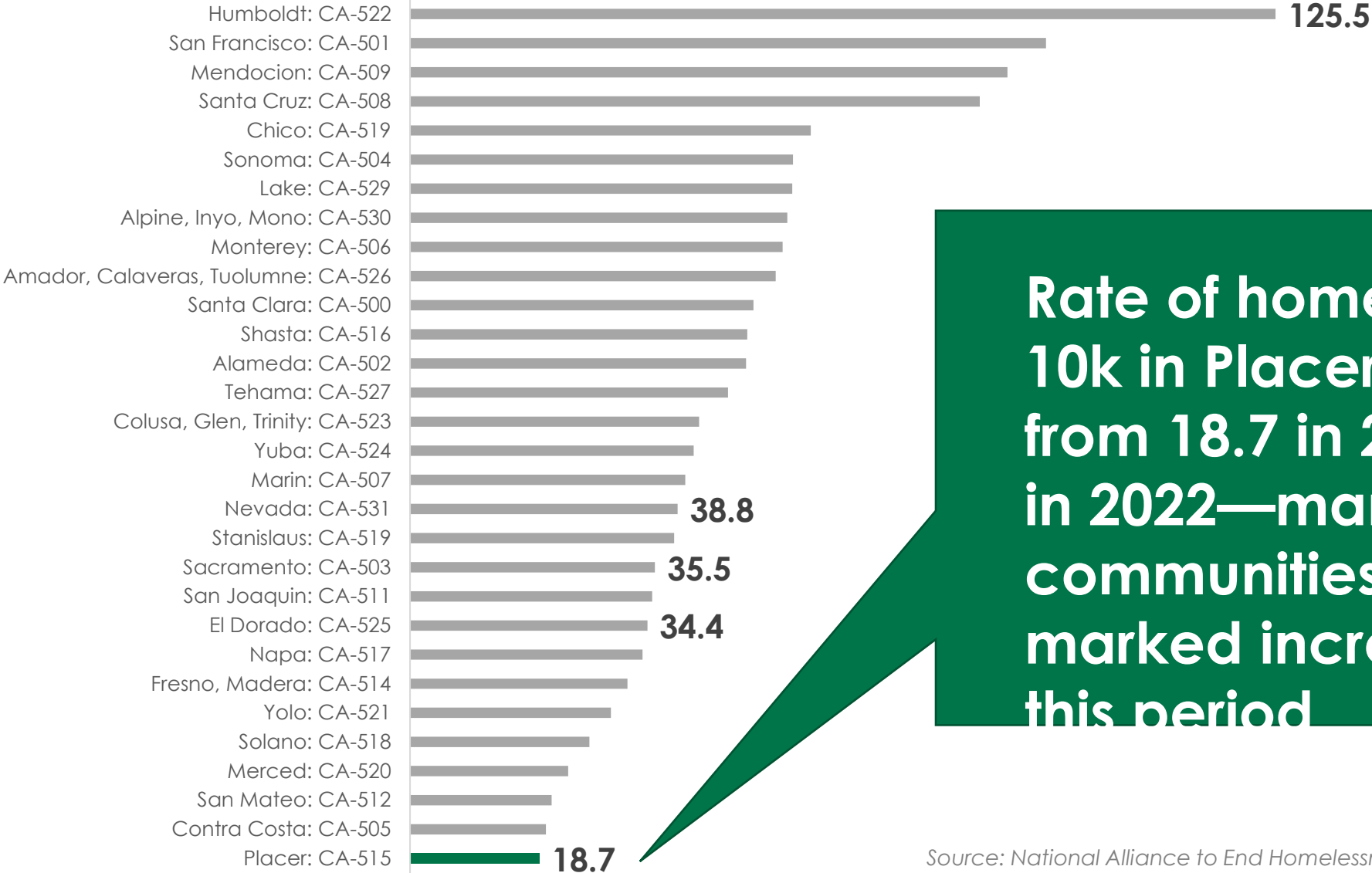
- Federally-mandated
- One-night estimate of sheltered and unsheltered homeless populations
- Count conducted the night of Jan. 25 by volunteers, nonprofit and local government staff



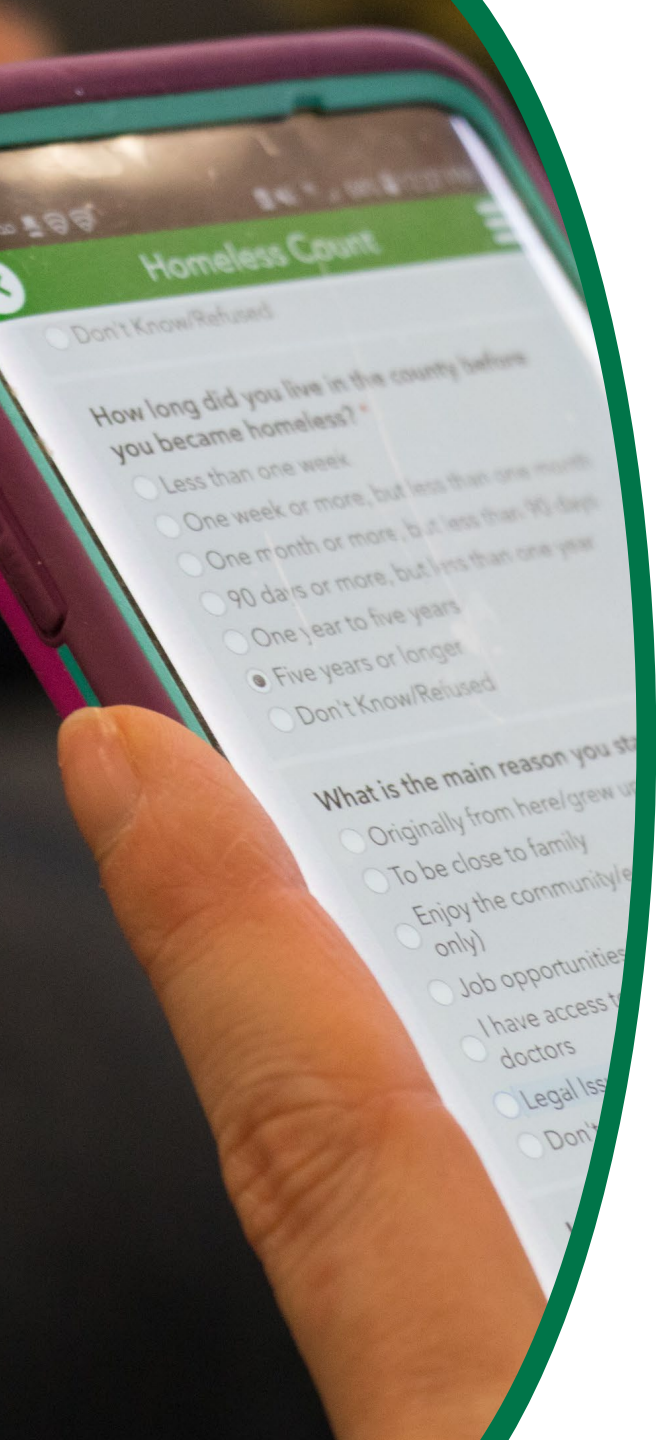
PITC 2022 Data

- A total of 750 were counted in Placer County, a less than 1% increase from 2020
- Yet, the rate of homelessness per 10k declined from 18.7 to 18.4 when accounting for population growth
- 342 were sheltered, 408 were unsheltered

Rate of Homelessness



Rate of homelessness per 10k in Placer declined from 18.7 in 2020 to 18.4 in 2022—many communities observed marked increases during this period



PITC Preliminary 2023 Data

- A total of 709 were counted in Placer, a 6% decrease from 2022
- The rate of homelessness per 10k declined from 18.4 to 17.3
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